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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2624**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jodi F. ABOUJAOUDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2624

Application No.: 09/769,923

Examiner: T. PHAM

Filed: January 25, 2001

Docket No.: 112553

For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM FOR FORMING MULTIPLE IMAGES ON A
PRINTING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 20, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1, 2 and 4-18 are pending in this application.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2 and 4-18 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,144,452 to Abuyama in view of U.S. Patent 5,621,810 to Suzuki et al. (Suzuki). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that Abuyama discloses each and every feature in independent claims 1 and 5, but for a method of automatically determining a location of an original portion of an input document containing image data. It is further alleged that